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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1993

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the fortieth session

Note by the secretariat

INTRODUCTION

The present note by the secretariat has been finalized before the conclusion of the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group established by the President of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on agenda item 47 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields). Decisions concerning agenda and organization of work for the fortieth session of the Governing Council may need to be taken in the light of the conclusions of the work of the ad hoc working group.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTIETH SESSION

1. In its decision 92/46 of 26 May 1992, the Governing Council decided to review the provisional agenda for the fortieth session at its organizational meeting in February 1993. A comprehensive provisional agenda for the fortieth session (1993) is contained in annex I.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. In accordance with Governing Council decision 92/47 of 26 May 1992, the fortieth session of the Council will begin at the United Nations Headquarters in

New York on Tuesday, 1 June 1993. In annex II to the present note, the secretariat is submitting a proposal for the organization of work for the fortieth session in which the closure of the session is scheduled for Friday, 18 June 1993.

3. The tentative schedule of work in annex II shows the proposed organization of work for the plenary, the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group. The consideration of the various items is scheduled to avoid simultaneous meetings by the sessional bodies dealing with the same matter. The Governing Council may wish to entrust its Bureau with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the session.

4. Meetings will normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In that context, it may be recalled that, by section I, paragraph 3 (j), of its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at their scheduled time. As in previous years, the Council may decide to waive rule 22 of its rules of procedure for its meetings in 1993, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement that there be a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS

5. In paragraph 4 of its decision 91/2 A of 22 February 1991, the Governing Council decided that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters should work within the framework of procedures of the Council, in a similar manner to the Budgetary and Finance Committee, taking into account, inter alia, the latter's practice with respect to the organization of work, the preparation of decisions, as well as the reporting to the plenary meetings of the Council.

6. In accordance with its decisions 90/23 of 23 June 1990 and 91/2 A, the Governing Council may wish to allocate to the Standing Committee for Programme Matters the following subjects for consideration:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional programmes and projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA);

(e) Evaluation.

7. A considerable number of country programmes will be presented to the Governing Council at its fortieth session for approval. UNFPA has tentatively estimated that approximately 15 country programmes will be submitted to the

Council in June 1993 while UNDP has similarly estimated that approximately 30 country programmes will be submitted.

IV. BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. The Governing Council may wish to allocate to the Budgetary and Finance Committee item 8 (financial, budgetary and administrative matters) of the Council's provisional agenda. The Council may further wish to allocate to the Committee financial, budgetary and administrative questions related to item 5 (United Nations Population Fund) and to item 7 (other funds and programmes). As in the past, the Committee will review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council, especially in light of decision 86/53 of 27 June 1986. Moreover, the Council, at the beginning of its regular session, may refer a number of agenda items having financial implications to the Budgetary and Finance Committee for prior consideration of these aspects.

V. DRAFTING GROUP

9. In accordance with section I, paragraph 3 (k), of decision 81/37, decision 85/47 of 29 June 1985 and the annex of decision 87/50 of 19 June 1987, arrangements have also been made for the servicing of a Drafting Group of the Governing Council during its fortieth session.

10. By section III, paragraph 4, of its decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, the Governing Council endorsed the principles which should guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group. The Drafting Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on those items referred to it by the plenary for the ultimate adoption of such decisions by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group having financial implications must be referred to the Budgetary and Finance Committee before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.

VI. WAIVER OF THE 10-WEEK RULE FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

11. The secretariat has drawn up a schedule for the timely preparation of documents for the fortieth session of the Governing Council, and steps have been taken to ensure transmission of documents to the United Nations Office of Conference Services at least 10 weeks before the commencement of the session, as recommended in paragraph 5 (b) of decision 83/40 of 18 June 1983.

12. However, as in previous years, financial and other data included in some of the reports will not be available before April 1993. The Governing Council is therefore invited to waive the 10-week rule for the following documents, which are based on data received from other agencies or financial data concerning the year 1992:

Annual report of the Administrator for 1992: Addenda 2 (statistical annex), 3 (subcontracts awarded) and 4 (major equipment ordered);

Annual review of the financial situation;

Revised budget estimates for 1992-1993;

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures in 1992;

United Nations Population Fund: Annual financial review;

United Nations Population Fund: Audit reports; and

United Nations technical cooperation activities: Report of the Secretary-General: Addendum 3 (statistical information).

Annex I

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTIETH SESSION

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda.

2. Annual report of the Administrator for 1992 and programme-level activities: a/

   (a) Environment and Development;

   (b) The activities of the United Nations Development Programme in combating HIV/AIDS;

   (c) Gender in development;

   (d) Regional economic integration;

   (e) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations;

   (f) Management Development Programme.

3. Special programmes of assistance:

   (a) Role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

   (b) Matters relating to the least developed countries;

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

4. Programme planning and implementation:

   (a) Country, intercountry and global programmes; b/

   (b) Matters relating to the programming cycles; c/

   (c) National execution and agency support costs;

   (d) National capacity-building;

   (e) Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach;

   (f) Coordination, including multilateral coordination and complementarity;

   (g) Evaluation;

(h) Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits. d/

5. United Nations Population Fund:

(a) Annual report of the Executive Director for 1992 and programme-level activities;

(b) Country programmes;

(c) Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

6. United Nations technical cooperation activities.

7. Other funds and programmes:

(a) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(c) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.

8. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1992 (including trust funds);

(b) Budget estimates for 1994-1995 and revised budget estimates for 1992-1993; e/

(c) Audit reports and other matters;

(d) Financial regulations: Matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(e) Procurement from developing countries.

9. Technical cooperation among developing countries. f/

10. Other matters:

(a) Venue of sessions of the Governing Council;

(b) Proposal concerning location of United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund headquarters;

(c) Senior management structure;

(d) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures.

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1994.

Notes

a/ The annual report of the Administrator for 1992 will contain information on humanitarian programmes as requested in paragraph 13 of decision 92/20 as well as information on the subjects referred to in decision 92/2, para. 1, including:

(i) Implementation of country, regional, interregional, global and Special Programme Resources-funded programmes;

(ii) Important highlights of activities of other funds and programmes, including the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(iii) Significant steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to follow up resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and by other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, especially resolutions dealing with operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(iv) Human Development Report;

(v) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme;

(vi) Any other matters to be brought to the attention of the Governing Council.

b/ This will include a report concerning assistance to Myanmar as requested in decision 92/26, para. 2.

c/ This will include the following:

(i) Communications received from Member States containing requests to be given recipient status;

(ii) A complete list of indicative planning figures for the fifth cycle as requested in paragraph 6 of decision 92/30;

(iii) Information on any revised basic data relating to indicative planning figures, as requested in paragraph 1 of decision 92/29;

(iv) Issues paper on the methodology for allocating programme resources in the sixth programming cycle as requested in paragraph 13 of decision 91/29.

d/ This will include a report on the efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of the United Nations Development Programme (91/31 and 92/2, para. 8 (c)).

e/ This will include the following:

(i) The experiences and utilization of the development support services (91/46, para. 39 and 92/2, para. 8 (d);

(ii) The reports requested in decision 92/37 concerning revised budget estimates for the biennium 1992-1993;

(iii) The proposals requested in paragraph 3 of decision 92/4 on assistance to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Yemen.

f/ This will include the following:

(a) Report of the eighth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, to be held in New York 24-28 May 1993;

(b) Report on the implementation of decision 91/7, as requested in part A, para. 2, and part B, para. 4 of that decision.

Annex II

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Tentative schedule of work

Week 1

	TUESDAY 1 June 1993		WEDNESDAY 2 June 1993		THURSDAY 3 June 1993		FRIDAY 4 June 1993	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Opening of the session and adoption of agenda (1) UNFPA: Annual report of the Executive Director (5)	UNFPA (5)	UNFPA (5)	Communications received containing requests to be given recipient status (6) National execution and agency support costs (4)	Special programmes of assistance (3): UN-NADAF Assistance to the Palestinian people Least developed countries	Other funds and programmes (7): UNCDF UNSO	UNIFEM 12.30: Annual report of the Administrator (2) (Introduction)	(7) Continued
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)	11:00: Opening and organizational matters SCPM report Field visits Country programmes AFRICA	Country programmes AFRICA	Country programmes AFRICA	UNFPA (5)	UNFPA (5)	UNFPA (5)	Country programmes AFRICA	Country programmes ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)		Opening and organizational matters Annual financial review Statement by the Associate Administrator	Audit reports and other matters UNDP financial regulations	Procurement from developing countries	Revised budget estimates 1992-1993 and budget estimates 1994-1995	Continued	UNFPA (5)	UNFPA (5)
DRAFTING GROUP								

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Week 2

	MONDAY 7 June 1993		TUESDAY 8 June 1993		WEDNESDAY 9 June 1993		THURSDAY 10 June 1993		FRIDAY 11 June 1993	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	Annual report of the Administrator and programme-level activities (2), including: a) environment and development b) HIV/AIDS c) Gender in development d) Regional economic integration e) Non-governmental and grass-roots organizations f) Management development programme	(2) Continued	(2) Continued	(2) Continued		Venue of sessions of the Governing Council (10) Proposal concerning location of UNDP, UNFPA and UNIFEM headquarters (10) Matters relating to programming cycles (4): List of IPFs for the fifth cycle, follow-up to 92/29,para.1 and sixth cycle methodology	United Nations technical cooperation activities (6)			
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)					Country programmes ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	Country programmes ASIA AND THE PACIFIC; ARAB STATES	Country programmes ARAB STATES	Country programmes EUROPE; LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Country programmes LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Country programmes LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting			Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions		Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions

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Week 3

	MONDAY 14 June 1993		TUESDAY 15 June 1993		WEDNESDAY 16 June 1993		THURSDAY 17 June 1993		FRIDAY 18 June 1993	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
COUNCIL (Plenary)	National capacity-building (4) Coordination, including multilateral coordination and complementarity (4) Efficiency of programming, including the comparative advantages of UNDP (4)			Senior management structure (10) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures (10)	Technical cooperation among developing countries including report of 8th session of the High-level Committee and follow-up to decision 91/7 (9) Outstanding matters from previous plenary meetings		List of reports requested in draft decisions Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1994 (11)			Reports from SCPM, BFC and the Drafting Group Adoption of decisions Closure of the session
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS (SCPM)		Evaluation (4)	Programme management, including decentralization and programme approach (4) Future programme of work	Draft report		Draft report				
BUDGETARY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC)	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting		Draft report	Draft report				
DRAFTING GROUP	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions	Decisions			